

Trout Fishing Regulations At Bennett Spring State Park

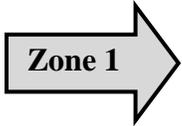
Missouri Department of Conservation
in cooperation with
The Missouri Department of Natural Resources

- Trout Fishing is permitted in accordance with the **Wildlife Code** and posted restrictions daily from March 1st to October 31st, and during the winter catch and release season. Throughout the year all anglers shall have a state fishing permit except those 15 years and younger or Missouri residents 65 years and older. Any resident of Missouri 65 years and older shall carry a valid Missouri motor vehicle operator's license, notarized affidavit, or similar official document proving his/her eligibility based on residency and age.
- Each angler shall sign and display a daily trout tag purchased on the area. The statewide daily limit is 4 trout, regardless of the number of daily tags purchased or waters fished. No person shall continue to fish for any species in these trout waters after harvesting a daily limit of 4 trout anywhere in Missouri.
- Each angler shall keep their trout separate at all times and identified with the angler's name and address.
- Daily Limit 4 trout, possession limit 8 trout. All brown trout less than 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after capture. There is no minimum length limit on rainbow trout.
- Only a single pole or rod may be used. Giggling, snaring, snagging and the taking of live bait are **NOT** permitted.
- No person shall continue to fish for any species in these trout waters after having four trout in possession.
- Wading is permitted by anglers only.
- Swimming and use of watercraft is prohibited.
- The use of game fish or parts thereof for bait or chumming is **not permitted**.

Fishing Hours in Missouri Trout Parks

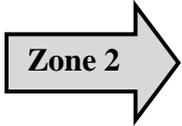
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Month	Central Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time	Central Standard Time	Daylight Savings Time
March	6:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
April		7:00 A.M.		7:30 P.M.
May		6:30 A.M.		8:15 P.M.
June/ July		6:30 A.M.		8:30 P.M.
August		7:00 A.M.		8:00 P.M.
September		7:30 A.M.		7:15 P.M.
October		7:30 A.M.		6:30 P.M.
Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14 and ends November 7				

Fishing Zones at Bennett Spring State Park



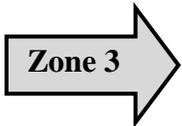
Zone 1

From the Hatchery Dam upstream to the end of the area. Only flies are permitted.



Zone 2

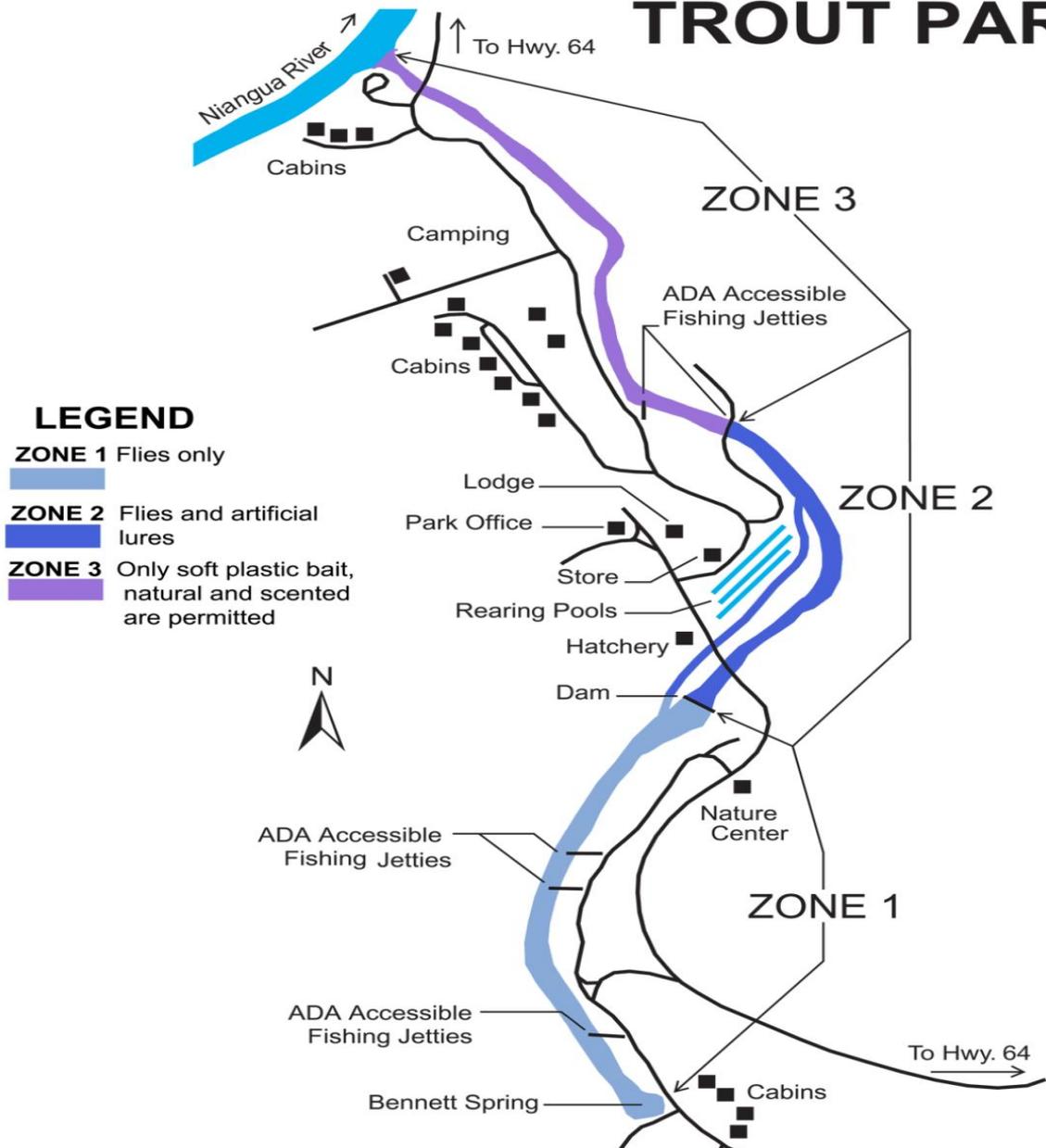
From the Hatchery Dam to the Whistle Bridge. Only flies and artificial lures are permitted.



Zone 3

From the Whistle Bridge to the Niangua River. Only soft plastic bait (unscented) and natural and scented bait are permitted. **All flies and artificial lures are prohibited, even if natural bait or scent has been added.**

BENNETT SPRING TROUT PARK



LEGEND

ZONE 1 Flies only

ZONE 2 Flies and artificial lures

ZONE 3 Only soft plastic bait, natural and scented are permitted

Winter Catch-and-Release Season

Winter Catch & Release Trout Fishing Hours

8:00 AM. 4:00 P.M. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday Only

The winter catch and release season is from the second Friday in November until the second Monday in February, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Only.

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- All anglers must possess a valid Missouri Fishing Permit and Trout Permit during the winter catch and release season.
- Only Flies are permitted during the winter catch and release season.
- A fly is defined as an artificial lure constructed on a single point hook, using any material **except soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait**, which is tied, glued or otherwise permanently attached.
- No fish may be possessed in the winter catch and release area.

Special Permits

- The Department of conservation may issue special fishing permits for specified dates without cost to supervised groups involved in rehabilitation programs or groups of hospital patients or persons with disabilities under therapy. To obtain this permit, please contact the Hatchery Manager at (417) 532-4418. Be sure to ask that the daily trout tag be waived.
- Any resident of Missouri having a visual acuity not exceeding 20/200 in the better eye with maximum correction, or having twenty degrees or less field of visual concentric contraction, and any resident who is so severely and permanently disabled as to be unable to move freely without the aid of a wheelchair, may fish without permit (except for daily tag) provided while fishing he/she carries a certified statement of eligibility from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist or from a licensed physician.
- Any honorably discharged military veteran having a service related disability of sixty percent (60%) or greater or who was a prisoner of war during military service, may fish without a permit (except for daily tag and trout permit) provided while fishing he/she carries a certified statement of eligibility from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.